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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Just letting you know I do use a competitive provider (Sonic). Honestly, they suck, they're slower than using cable, and probably more expensive.

But I particularly choose them because they're more responsive and they're clearer. All the things you get from competition. Without them the market would be even worse.

Also I'm from Canada where the incumbents (both cable and telco) have been required to share their last mile infrastructure, and it was a much better environment. The telco's get to charge fairly substantial rates (enough to make sure they're not subsidizing competitors) for that last mile infrastructure, and the net result is wide variety of choice.

You'd be better off following that model as much as possible, prices aren't dramatically lower, but choice is higher, and all the incumbents still make plenty of money.

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